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The memorandum summarizes status of plans for a second Soviet pipeline for gas export.

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SUBJECT : Soviet Plans for Second West Siberian Gas
Pipeline to Western Europe

1. Financing and equipment negotiations are still incomplete for the Siberia-to-Western Europe natural gas pipeline. This trunkline is the first of two planned parallel gas lines through which the Soviets intend to deliver 3.9 billion cubic feet per day to Western Europe by the late 1980s. Construction of the first line began this month, with completion of the 3,000-mile line likely in late 1986 or early 1987. [REDACTED]

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2. Some of the equipment already ordered (such as compressor station buildings, control systems, and communications equipment) is being designed for joint accommodation of both planned lines. Other equipment ordered or delivered (such as pipelayers and earth-moving equipment) can also be used in the construction of a second line. Negotiations for the major components of the second line--compressors, turbines, pipe, and valves--have yet to begin. The Soviets have indicated a readiness to begin these negotiations as early as this May. [REDACTED]

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